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Dear friends,

The fall is here, and trees are losing their leaves, and the days are getting noticeably shorter. It will continue like this until Christmas time, when the year turns around again, and we can start looking forward to summer and warm weather (in moderation).

A topic has been discussed on Facebook recently. It was all about "can younger people read cursive writing?" Children do not learn to write cursive in school, and thus can not read it either.

How are young genealogists going to handle old documents that are not transcribed and not found online? Will they just not look at them, and end up with bad conclusions on family relationships? The problem exists in Sweden too, which can be

seen at the online message board *Anbytarforum*, (<http://aforum.genealogi.se/discus/>) where a whole section is just for reading problems.

Did I do any interesting research during the summer? Yes, I got two queries about people that had been beheaded, one in 1769 and one in 1857. I have never had such questions before, so it was quite a treat to go into the court records and find out what had happened. The first case was a drunken brawl that went very wrong. The other case was a disappointed man that served sandwiches with arsenic in the butter to his successor as a tenant farmer. Maybe I can tell more in a future issue of SAG.

Here is a follow-up of my reading of *Swedish Reader's Digest* from 1947:



The text says "Never before have you seen such beautiful household appliances!" The brand was called *Norge*, which no longer exists.

Till next time!
Elisabeth Thorsell

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Contact Jill Seaholm at <jillseaholm@augustana.edu>, or 309.794.7204. Thank you!



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